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Society Keeps Tab On Airports

Oklahoma First Flight Cachet

Effective on or about September 1, 1952, air mail service will be inaugurated at Miami, Okla., on feeder route A. M. 107.

Special cachet will be provided for Miami, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmaster at Miami must be prepaid at the appropriate air-mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or canceling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Magazine Tells Of Sea Jug Post

A recent edition of "Dodge News" produced by the Dodge Motor Car Co. carried a fine factual account of the philatelic doings of a man well known to Dodge's readers.

He is Captain Charles E. Milbury, originator of the Sea Jug Post, and more recently inspiration for the Paquebot Markings at several Asian ports which previously had not used them but didn't know they could.

The article "Mail Box In The Ocean" deals with Capt. Milbury's Sea Jug Post now extinct because of the sinking of his ship, the M.V. Arizona Sword in the Cape Cod Ship Canal.

Capt. Milbury is now on the M.V. Brightstar making Pacific runs.

Sponsor Cachet For Annual Rice Festival

The Bay City, Texas Stamp Club will sponsor a cachet Sept. 26 and 27 for the Lion's Club annual Rice Festival. A different color will be used each day and a Texas commemorative stamp will be included this year.

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A cover bearing the cachet prepared for the dedication of the Washington National Airport, June 16, 1941.

Post Office Department Notes Airport Dedications

Dr. Keith Hester

While the Post Office Department usually gives no official recognition to airport dedications there have been at least two events where a cachet or slogan cancellation was supplied to be used on collectors' covers. In looking through any very large collection of dedication covers it will be found that many of them have a cachet applied by the department but these cachets were supplied for covers carried on a first flight and were not intended for use to mark a dedication.

On June 16, 1941 the Washington National Airport at Washington, D. C. had its official opening. This event was given national publicity through both philatelic and lay press for several months prior to the opening and elaborate opening ceremonies were planned.

The Post Office Department designed an attractive cachet which was applied to all collectors' covers sent to the Postmaster at Washington. This cachet was a shield shaped rubber stamp picturing the airport and was applied in blue by the Postmaster.

If the number of covers for this event can be used as any gauge of interest the interest must indeed be high since there was a total of 10,950 mailed on this day with the cachet. They bear the hand stamp of the Air Mail Field, Washington, D.C. and are postmarked June 16, 1941, 12:30 a. m.

FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL
—AIR PORT-MARYLAND—
DEDICATION-JUNE-24-1950

The slogan publicizing the forthcoming dedication of the Friendship International Airport.

On May 15, 1950 there appeared on mail from Baltimore, Annapolis and Frederick, Maryland a slogan cancellation reading FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL-AIRPORT-MARYLAND-/DEDICATION-JUNE-24-1950. This slogan cancellation was authorized by the Post Office Department for use at these three towns to publicize the Friendship International Airport located at Glen Burnie, Md. and used by the surrounding towns, including these three.

While the dedication did not occur until June 24, 1950 the use of this slogan for the five weeks preceding aided greatly in securing valuable publicity for the event.

Even though the Department authorized the slogan they did not feel that they should supply a cachet for the event. To mark this event a very attractive cachet was designed by Edwin L. Hastry of the American Air Mail Society and interested local collectors made arrangements to apply it to

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cancellation but the circular die containing the town name and date was removed resulting in only the slogan being applied.

A circular handstamp reading FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MD., JUN 24, 1950 A.M. was then applied to the covers completing the cancellation. The cachet was applied to the covers in either green or purple ink.

Covers were also mailed on the day of dedication from Annapolis, Frederick and Glen Burnie. The same cachet in black was applied to the covers from Annapolis but the covers from Frederick and Glen Burnie do not have the cachet.

Again a large number of covers were mailed by collectors, no doubt due in a large measure to the adequate advance notice and publicity given this event. There was a total of 8,390 covers mailed from the four towns with a break down as follows:

Friendship International
Airport, Md. 7,230
Annapolis, Md. 1,000
Frederick, Md. 150
Glen Burnie, Md. 10

The large number of covers mailed at these two events show that there is a wide interest in dedications and more collectors would turn to this field if enough advance notice and wide enough publicity were given the events for all collectors to know of them in time to get covers to the towns for cancellation.

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Planes roar overhead while on the ground the mayor makes a speech dedicating the airport on which he stands to the advancement of aviation and the defense of our country. A representative of the Chamber of Commerce steps up, hands a parcel of airmail envelopes marked with an attractive cachet to a waiting pilot who immediately takes off for a flight over the city. On his return to the field the envelopes are returned and then carried to the local post office where they are cancelled and dispatched to collectors throughout the country.

With this another airport dedication has occurred and in a few days collectors begin to receive their covers to add to their ever growing collection representative of the airports of the nation.

It has not been as simple as this, however, for preparation for this day began several months ago. First it was necessary for the city to decide that their local airport should have a formal dedication.

Usually some civic organization as the Chamber of Commerce sponsors the dedication and makes the plans. They usually give advance publicity to their local newspaper and this is read by one of the local collectors of Airport Dedication covers. He immediately reports to one of the airmail organizations, such as the Airport Dedication Society, that a dedication is planned.

The sponsoring organization is then contacted and arrangements are made for a cachet and someone to receive the collectors' covers, hold them until the day of dedication and then see that they are dispatched on the proper day. After these arrangements have been made then announcements are made through postal card bulletins, society journals and the various weekly stamp newspapers.

If this were always the case the life of an airport dedication cover collector would be much easier. But so often there is no advance notice of a dedication and a local collector only finds out about it the day of the dedication or the day before.

Then there is a mad scramble to try to get covers there for the dedication.

This fact is one of the reasons for the existence of the Airport Dedication Society. Through the help of each member of the group more dedications are given advance notice with plenty of time for the members to get their covers in for the dedication.

The ADS has its own postal card bulletin service for its members. By this method news of a pending dedication is submitted to a central office. Here self-addressed postal cards sent in by the members are kept and when news of a dedication arrives cards are immediately sent out containing this information.

This is very satisfactory if news is received as much as a week before the dedication is scheduled. If there is only two or three days advance notice, however, the members some distance away still miss the dedication. To help this situation there has been set up a board of State Representatives living in the various states.

These representatives are sent prepared "hold" covers by the members and when they receive word of a short notice dedication in their territory they are able to mail covers for the members who would otherwise miss the dedication.

The ADS publishes its own

monthly journal, The Airport Dedication Journal, which gives news of dedications both in the future and in the past. Before any dedication is reported as authentic in the Journal it is carefully checked at the point of origin and as close a count as possible made of the number covers mailed.

Articles of interest to collectors are included from time to time and at present a listing of dedications by states is being included in serial form.

Airport dedication covers go back almost to the time of the beginning of organized aviation in this country. The earliest dedication recorded is that for the formal opening of Aviation Field at Newark, N. J. on September 13, 1918. While the number of covers mailed for this event is unknown the number appears to be rather small and any collector can count himself lucky indeed to have this "first" in his collection.

The next dedication did not occur for almost four years when the Outing Club Field at Battleboro, Vt. was dedicated on August 18, 1922 at the time of a scheduled pioneer government flight. The flight did not occur as the only plane present crashed in taking off but the dedication was carried out as scheduled.

These covers bear a five line grayish-black rubber stamp cachet and while it is believed approximately 300 covers were mailed they are seldom seen.

Dedications began to be a little more frequent after this and by 1928 dedication covers were beginning to come into their own. In this year there were recorded 124 separate events. Counting the recognized major varieties on the various events there were a total of 175 covers for that year.

Beginning with 1928 and continuing to the present time there have been a large number of official dedications recorded each year. A complete collection would contain covers for well over 2,000 separate events and if it contained all the major varieties would number between 3,000 and 4,000.

There has never been assembled a complete collection. The largest limiting factor is the scarcity of some covers. There are a large number of events with less than ten covers known and a few with only one or two covers known.

This would make a complete collection almost impossible.

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of the other countries other than
U. S. topics.

In all fairness it must be pointed out that there have been several important auctions of items on the library feature but none were available to the average collector. By average collector we mean the one that is not tempted to put \$5.00 or more in a book for the information to enhance his write-up of his particular collection.

Many dealers would be doing themselves a great deal of good if they were to have some stories of various countries printed in a pamphlet form. These to be distributed to customers gratis for their added pleasure.

To supplement that, they could have a small card form printed to accompany the sendings of new issues giving the back ground in brief of that particular sending. These all go to create good will.

The information garnered from the questionnaire we have printed for several weeks proves beyond a doubt that collectors are seeking stamps in all seasons. Summer time is a relaxation period; yet, many of them are still seeking information if not stamps.

Some of the dealers have made efforts from time to time to furnish literature to them but it seems that the material being offered is of such a highly specialized nature that the average collector is not interested. Therefore, it behooves all of us to add more features of the particular stamps at hand, in good layman language for the average collector, and make that as cheap as possible to build our hobby to that ultimate goal of full knowledge of all the stamps that we possess.

As one correspondent so aptly put it: "My main gripe is that when I buy stamps, I have one devil of a time trying to find out the full details behind them. The dealers will tell you, sometimes, if it is immediately available at hand but if it takes some research he does not even know where to direct me to find it."

During the first world war, Sweden issued 31 semipostal stamps all of them made by surcharging existing stamps.

THIS IS MY SWAN SONG
Of the stamp business, for a while. About a year ago I bought a hotel here at bankruptcy sale. The rehabilitation of this property plus an active medical practice left me little time for stamps. So little in fact, that right now I am about 2-3 months behind on some orders and trades. I like stamps the best but for the time being will have to put in my time on more profitable ventures. I will answer all orders and trades on hand now, in turn, as fast as I can. From time will make some special stamp offers in this magazine, as time permits. But until further notice I'll just mark time in the stamp business. Thanks to all my friends, many of whom I have never met personally, that have made stamp dealing and trading a pleasure, if not financially profitable, vocation for the last few years. Auf wiedersehen!

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Isn't it time to call a halt, to turn thumbs down on most of the new stamp issues? Isn't it about time that collectors take some steps to discourage the unnecessary and undesirable stamp issues of the various countries who seem to turn them out issue after issue for the sole edification of the poor collector who is constantly running around in circles, trying to keep up with the deluge?

Long ago the old fashioned way of collecting disappeared, that was the general collection, the most desirable and most interesting form of collecting because it led one all over the world and gave one a general knowledge of and an interest in the world as a whole.

General collecting held up pretty well until the first world war but the deluge of new stamps that came immediately following the start of that war and have continued ever since were the death knell of the general collector.

Since that period, almost everything has been thrown at the collector, until today it is rather difficult to find two collectors who collect the same thing. It has been necessary to form national societies, with members scattered all over the country in order that collectors interested in the same thing may confer with others of the same interest for mutual advancement in their chosen field of collecting.

Time was when one could take his duplicates to the stamp club and always find a swap for some other stamps he did not have but not so today.

In the average stamp club in our bigger cities today it is almost impossible to trade one's duplicates with other collectors because the other fellow is not collecting the same thing you are collecting.

The deluge of new stamps month after month that comes from some countries are not necessary postal issues, they are issued solely because the Postal Administrations of those countries have become aware of the fact that there is a ready market in American Dollars for such stamps and they simply throw the book at the collector and let him pay through the nose. This situation is certain to continue just so long as the collector will stand and take it.

The art of issuing new stamps for the collector has been developed to such an extent that in some of the countries where this is practiced the sale of the new issues is controlled by government agencies and ordinary collectors and dealers can not supply the material. Just so long as the collector will buy the trash it is certain to be prepared for him for the methods of printing now in effect are so simple that it costs little more to produce an entirely new issue than it would to make new plates for a current issue.

Will the collector rebel or will he continue to buy this class of material as long as it is dished out to him?

More Interest In Stamps

Regardless of TV we are of the opinion that world wide interest in stamps has been growing in the past years. Perhaps one reason for this growth might be the very thing that we have complained about in the editorial preceding this one. We are however of the old school and enjoy stamps most from the standpoint of a student as were the older collectors in past years who built up fine collections.

For our part we have had TV for over three years now and I am ready to confess that there is much of TV that holds so little interest that it is a simple matter to turn it off or to leave it go for whole days at a time and never turn it on. If TV is to seriously interfere with stamp collecting or any other hobby that anyone has then TV will have to change its ways for much of it is of so little interest that it becomes tiresome to watch it.

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If you like the commercials, then try New Zealand where you can find commercials on the backs of your stamps or try some of the modern French and Belgian issues which have a touch of commercial with them.

Yes, regardless of TV we believe that more and more people are collecting stamps each year in some form or other. The big problem is to get them interested deeply enough, to get them out in the open where we can count them.

Fifty years ago there was one weekly stamp paper with a circulation of six or seven thousand copies. Today there are a half dozen or so each of which is larger than the one of fifty years ago and the total circulation of which today is perhaps 150,000.

Stamps are on sale in more stores across the country than ever before. The big problem is to hold on to these new recruits and get them out in the open.

In the past few years there has come from Europe, more new catalogues of stamps than ever before. There seems to be a catalog for almost every type and form of collecting, catalogues for single countries, groups of countries, many different topical subjects, catalogue after catalogue in an unending number.

There is every evidence that interest in stamps is spreading, just what causes it is hard to discover but the fact that the world is getting closer together, that the people know and understand one another better, must have some bearing on the situation.

We have always believed that stamp collecting would have a great influence on world peace and world conditions in general. It is such a universal hobby, understood by everyone because it is the collection of pictures and everyone can read a picture. Given unlimited use of the mails behind and in front of the iron curtain and stamp collectors would set up and develop a brotherhood that would go far beyond any fraternal organization anywhere on earth.

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New Album From Minkus Publications

Jacques Minkus, President of Minkus Publications, Inc., announces that he will have for September distribution his latest contribution to the stamp album field, "The Comprehensive World-Wide Stamp Album", edited by George Tlamsa.

The Comprehensive World Wide Stamp Album will have spaces for over 30,000 stamps and 17,000 clear illustrations. The page arrangement and style will be similar to the other Minkus albums and will feature full color maps of the world, a stamp identifier, a guide for the beginning collector, historical and geographical descriptions of each country. A special page for Boy Scout merit badge requirements, and a very attractive new type screw post binder which can be adjusted to take many additional pages without bulging.

This album was prepared to fill the tremendous demand for a world wide book that would be of a size and price between the Master Global which has spaces for 55,951 stamps and retails at \$15.00 and the New World with spaces for over 15,000 stamps and retails at \$3.95.

The Comprehensive World Wide will retail at \$7.95, and will fill a long existing need in the philatelic world.

It will be available at all leading stamp dealers, department stores and book stores. Dealers may place their orders with their regular wholesaler or may write to Minkus Publications, 134 West 32nd St., New York 1, N. Y.

Mr. Minkus also announces that he will have the first supplement for the Master Global stamp album available in September. It will consist of 224 pages and will cover the issues of 1949 through 1952. This supplement will retail for \$2.50 and will be available through the same mediums as the albums.

Youngstown Show At Art Institute

The Butler Art Institute, Youngstown, Ohio will again be the scene of the Mahoning Valley Stamp Club Exhibition September 27 and 28.

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To commemorate the event, the society is undertaking to provide, attractively printed and cacheted examples of these air letter sheets, which will receive the FIRST DAY OF ISSUE cancellation of the United Nations and will be flown directly to Norfolk where upon arrival they will be backstamped at the temporary postal station established in connection with the American Air Mail Society Convention or will receive some other kind of indicia denoting the place and time of arrival of the sheets at the termination of the flight.

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Nurnberg Madonna On German Stamp

West Germany on August 9 released a semipostal stamp which provides through its surtax funds for the operation of the Museum of Nurnberg, and which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the institution.

According to Gimbels Stamp Department of New York City the denomination is 10 plus 5pf, the color green. Total printing was 1½ million.

In the design is a reproduction of the "Madonna of Nurnberg" one of the famous works of art housed in the museum.

Philatelic Review Has Stamp Specialist Index

The current issues of the Philatelic Literature Review feature an index by subject and countries of the Stamp Specialist published by H. L. Lindquist during the period 1939-1948. A cross-index of "contents by volume" has also been prepared for those interested in only certain volumes. In addition, highlights of the Edward Stern Philatelic Library Auction are reported.

Copies of the "Review," official organ of the Philatelic Library Association, may be obtained at 25c from the editor, Daniel W. Vooy, P. O. Box 300, Canajoharie, New York.

Officers Installed By Los Angeles Club

New officers were installed recently by the Southwest Stamp Society of Los Angeles, Calif. at the club's 19th annual banquet.

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October 27—Precancel Stamp Society.

November 24—Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society.

December 29—American Revenue Association.

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FINLAND — A fire a hundred years ago, which virtually wiped out Vaasa, on the Gulf of Bothnia, was marked by a 25 markka stamp showing a view of the city, probably as rebuilt, and its coat of arms.

GERMANY — Germany marked the 100th anniversary of the Germanic National Museum in Nurnberg August 9 by issuing a million and a half of a 10 plus 5pf. semipostal showing the famed Madonna, one of the gems of the museum, according to Gimbels Stamp Department. Printing will be in green.

JAPAN — An 8 yen light brown stamp, showing an antelope, and issued for 5th class mail matter, was released August 1. Sanzo Wada was the designer. The 1 yen postage and 20 yen airmail will be released August 11 as a result of a rate change; a 10 yen adhesive showing Kenjiro Ume will follow on August 25, in the "Culture" series, and a souvenir sheet of the four "Japan Alps" stamps (issued July 5) will appear during September, according to the Ministry of Postal Services.

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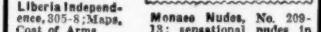
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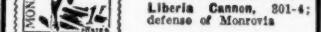
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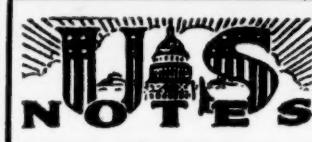
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The Cub Scouting Service, Boy Scouts of America, has selected for its September program the theme "The Mail Goes Through." The purpose is to acquaint some 900,000 Cub Scouts throughout the nation with the operations of the postal service.

As an important part of the program national Scout leaders have requested that units be permitted to take educational tours through their local post offices and also when feasible to visit railway postal cars and HPO buses.

To the credit of our Post Office Department and its officials instructions have gone out to all local postmasters to cooperate with this project to the fullest extent possible.

An orchid to all of them—or perhaps they prefer cigars—but in any event such cooperation deserves a fine pat on the back.

1. The Texas Statehood issue of 1945 shows that Texas was the 28th state to enter the union.

2. The "Three Graces" shown on the Pan American Union issue of 1940 is a part of what painting by what artist?

The Pan American Exposition set released May 1, 1901 has a dual attraction for stamp collectors—one, the assassination of the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, whose features have been reproduced on several stamps, and two, the fine set of six bi-colored commems produced to commemorate and publicize the affair.

The Exposition was staged at Buffalo, N. Y. from May 1 to November 1, 1901 with the announced intention of the promoters being a presentation to the general public of the various advancements made in all fields of endeavor during the 19th century just closed.

The stamps remained on sale for the full six months of the show being withdrawn on October 31. They are favored by many for the ornateness of the frames which enclose the vignettes, a type of stamp design typical of the day, tasteful and imaginative enough to hold its own through the years.

Few stamp designs are actually the brain child of an artist—a conception strictly out of thin air and experience—and those of this s.t.a. are no exception.

As for instance the one cent which has a caption beneath the design, "Fast Lake Navigation". The ship is actually the City of Alpena owned by the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co. and operated by them for many years in the Great Lakes service. It ended its days with a rechristening to City of Saugatuck by a purchasing Chicago firm which continued to keep it going in the lake waters.

That cinder-sputting iron horse on the two center was an honest-to-goodness article of commerce in its day having a nationwide fame. It is the Empire State Express a train of the New York Central & Hudson River R.R.

A. P. Yates of Syracuse snapped a picture of it clipping off around 60 miles per hour. This was adapted to the stamp design.

The design of the 4¢ has its roots with another railroad, the Baltimore & Ohio, but this, of course is certainly not to be gathered from the design itself which pictures an electric automobile with two men "on the box".

The parts of the building in the background are of the capitol in Washington before which the auto was posed in the original picture from which the stamp design was adapted.

This original picture was used on an advertising poster produced by the B & O R.R. which proclaimed "Electric Vehicle Service" for passengers on its trains arriving in Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The chauffeur has never been properly identified, but the man next to him is said to be Samuel P. Hege, at that time passenger representative for the B & O in Washington.

The five cent denomination of this series and the 3¢ Canada Friendship issue of 1948 have one very notable thing in their designs. The bridges shown on them are not now in existence although the one pictured on the

Pan-Am was when the stamp was issued.

The Friendship stamp's bridge had been but a memory for a number of years when that stamp came to the public.

Both are across the Niagara River below the falls, with the falls to be seen in the background. The Pan-Am bridge had some fame in its days as being the largest bridge of a single steel span in the world. It came to

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an ignominious end when in January of 1938 a sixty-foot ice jam knocked it from its perch.

No one who has ever seen them or been through them will fail to recognize the place of the 8¢ value of the series, the Sault Ste. Marie Canal Locks on the American side of the St. Marys River. The activity here has been greatly expanded since the taking of the original picture reproduced in the stamp design.

I understand that it is a risky thing for a person to try to take a picture of them today for they are under the control of the United States Army with the regulations being most strict since the beginning of the Korean war. As I get it, only non-passenger boats can traverse the American Locks while the others go through the Canadian.

Anyhow, I'll know for sure by the end of this week for we expect to take our children for a ride through the locks while we are on vacation up that way.

The ship pictured on the 10¢ denomination has a singular distinction in that it was the first ship to be commissioned for service in the Spanish-American War.

At the time it was a commercial passenger liner of the International Navigation Co.

It's name was the St. Paul.

The United States Navy took it over on April 21, 1898 when Captain Sigsbee its appointed commander came aboard and presented his credentials to Captain Jamison, the ship's peace time skipper. It served as an auxiliary cruiser.

1. Texas is the 28th state.

2. It is taken from "Primavera" (Spring) by Allesandro Filipepi Botticelli.

Stamps To Pay For Postal Museum

Spain's Protectorate of Morocco has in mind the establishment of a postal museum at Tetuan to contain a permanent philatelic exhibition, and apparently it also wants the world's stamp collectors to finance it.

According to Carlos Lenz, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain there will be four stamps in the set, each to have a printing of 40,000. A 2 pesetas pictures the Road to Tetuan; 4pts. Post from Spain; 8pts. Salutation; 16pts. Shadow of the Plane.

Sales will be strictly regulated. Ten thousand copies will be placed on sale over the stamp counter, the balance by subscription accompanied by remittance. Each set has a value of approximately one dollar.

Protests on the part of collectors have gone unheeded. It is

nevertheless expected that the issue will be sold out immediately many buyers being speculators.

Smithsonian Displays Presidential Franks

Edward Stern's outstanding collections of autographed "Free Franks" of the Presidents of the United States, and of the president's widows, are currently on display in the Division of Philately, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, and will remain on exhibit until after Labor Day.

The portion devoted to the franks of the presidents, from George Washington to Harry S. Truman, is housed in a large case, set up into three long rows. Twenty-eight pages are on exhibit, plus the illuminated title page.

Franks of the widows of presidents are displayed in eight end-cases fronting the National Postage Stamp Collection proper. The franks range from those of Dolly Madison to Eleanor Roosevelt, and include examples of Sara Polk's frank which are among the scarcest despite the fact that Mrs. Polk used the privilege longest.

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Speakers Will Dwell On German Philately

Chapter I of the Germany Philatelic Society will hold its first meeting of the fall season on September 16 at 8:15 p. m. at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York City. Dr. George Camnitzer will display selected pages of 19th Century Germany and Dr. H. H. Wolff will discuss inflation covers of the first periods.

Plans for the new season will include an annual dinner to be held in October and a members exhibit to be held in the spring. Visitors are always welcome at meetings which are held the third Tuesday of the month.

Dealer Doings

These who use and prefer the Scott line of albums and pages have the opportunity of beating an announced price increase on nearly all items by September 1 if they place orders for their needs before that date. Continuously increasing costs brought the raises. Scott Publications, Inc. are located at 1 W. 47th St., New York 36, N. Y.

Alvin James Fairbrook, 133-21 Blossom Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y. international stamp broker, announces that he has purchased \$40,000 catalog value of the recent Scott Stamp & Coin Co. stock through S. Serebrakian. Through their stamp auction processing service the Fairbrook firm will place the material on the market in attractive small lots.

The American Philatelic Society convention auction will be called at the National Philatelic Museum Thursday afternoon, September 4. It will be offered by Sylvester Colby, Inc., 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. A select lot of mint and used United States 19th century including covers, plus outstanding general foreign is being offered.

The Seymour Sales Co., Texas see the ad this edition, specializes in the stamps and philatelic material of Japan. In its dollar special are three stamps which should be of general interest to Americana collectors. One pictures the bombing of Pearl Harbor, another Jap tanks in action against U. S. Forces on Bataan, and a surrender demand.

Ralph D. Medford advises that he has been appointed a dealer-distributor of the H. E. Harris & Co. for their albums, crystal mount and other accessories, and for the Whitman Co. which produces the popular with coin collectors, coin boards. He also has the Whitman Coin Catalog. Dealer inquiries relative to the above products are invited.

Soon to be added to the interests of the Lonesome Pine Stamp Co., Norton, Va. is an exchange club to be promoted with new type policies for this type of endeavor. Presently the company specializes in general approvals, heavy in British Colonials. Soon to come are a number of price lists and other literature of interest to stamp collectors.

20th century Italian sets are priced in a special mid-summer list just released by P. Ostrow, dealer specialist in Italian stamps, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J. It can be had on request. It will be of particular interest to many collectors because it includes the scarce used Italian commem sets as well as those in mint condition.

The Woodbridge Stamp Club, 2428 14th St., N.E., Washington 18, D. C. feels that it has quite a stake in the forthcoming Women in the Armed Forces commem. It was one of the groups which met with and petitioned the Post Office Department for such an issue. They have prepared a cacheted envelope available to all collectors an ad for which appears in this edition.

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**DIXIE PRECANCEL NEWS**

The second edition of the Dixie Precancel News was mailed from Whitmire, S. C. with a 1½ Pres. Type U-120n. Write J. L. Jones if interested in southern precancels at Greer, So. Car.

An interesting ad in the news was a collection of almost 2000 Chicago dated. Listed as CMO-325, SRC-222, MW integral 626, MW printed 736, others as AC, AI, CEC, SPE etc. at 70. This shows you what can be done in dated and what can be done in a specialized collection of Chicago.

I don't doubt that a collection of 10,000 varieties could be made from all types and varieties of Chicago precancels.

1½c ENVELOPES.
Philip Brennan reports the 1½c Brooklyn, N. Y. and Wm. Behrens a Janesville, Wis. 1½c envelopes. This now brings my list to five.
AIRPORT DEDICATION
(Continued from page 1)
There are several collections, however, containing over 2,000 separate covers and these are collections of which the owners can be justly proud.
During World War II Military secrecy made it necessary for a certain amount of curtailment of activity of dedication collectors but many events which would not endanger the security of the country were recorded. It was during this period that interest in naval aircraft carriers as airports arose. It was felt that these ships were actually floating airfields and that their launching should be considered as a dedication. While these covers have never been adequately recognized and catalogued they are recognized by the ADS and will be included in its catalog.
Airport Dedication covers have long been treated as an orphan in the field of aerophilately and only given a small section of interest in organizations devoted to aerophilately. In the last few years, however, interest has picked up and more collectors are turning to it.
Perhaps one reason for this lack of interest has been the lack of material for the collector. The only catalog which he could use was a very brief listing occupying a few pages in a larger catalog devoted to airmail covers. This listing was very brief and inadequate in addition to being several years behind.
Recognizing the needs for an adequate catalog the immense job of compiling the necessary material was begun approximately two years ago. In June of this year the first section of the catalog, covering the years 1947-1950 was released. It gives a catalog number to each cover, lists the date and city and then gives a description of each major variety known.
The number of each cover mailed is given as accurately as can be determined and then each cover is priced with the price being based on the number covers mailed.
Sections to cover 1951 and years prior to 1947 are in active preparation and it is hoped they will be released in the near future.
Any collector who has collected Airport Dedication covers has found that it is very difficult to do without help from other collectors. There are no official government releases or any other announcements which are released to the general public concerning these events.
This is probably the main reason for the fascination of this branch of collecting. It is the constant search for information and the help that can be given other collectors and received from them that holds a collector's interest once he has started on this absorbing hobby. It is the purpose of the Airport Dedication Society to try to assimilate this information from the various collectors and pass it along to all collectors.
The Airport Dedication Society extends a cordial welcome to all collectors interested in these covers. Information and application blanks may be secured from the secretary, Paul F. Fisher, 4838-30th Ave., So., Minneapolis 17, Minn.

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J7 J8 J10 J14 J18 J28 J30 J31 J32 J33 182 .04 491 .05 C71* .12

J34 J37 J58 J59* J60* J61 J65 J66 J67 183* .20 492 .08 C72* .25

J68 J69 J70 J71 J72 J73 J74 J75 M1* 189* .05 494 .08 C89* .10

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Q29 Q29A Q30 Q30A Q32 Q32A Q33 214 .04 513 .06 C100* .04

Q34 Q34A Q35 Q37 Q38 Q38A Q39 Q39A 226A* .04 514 .07 C101* .04

Q41 Q41A Q42A Q43 Q43A Q45 Q45A 229* .10 517 .05 C102* .05

Q46 Q46A Q47 Q47A Q48 Q55 Q55A Q56 Q56A 222* .06 518 .18 C103* .08

Q57 Q57A Q58 Q58A Q62 Q62A Q63 Q63A 223* .05 521 .04 C104* .12

Q64 Q64A Q65 Q65A Q66 Q66A Q68 Q68A 224* .05 522 .04 C105* .25

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E2* E3* E8* E18* E21* E22* E23* E24* EY8* J9* 278* .20 528 .04 C117* .05

J11 J16 J38 J51 MCI NP1* IN1 N12 IN3 280* .04 573 .08 CE2* .20

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B3* .18 CE7* .22

B27* .06 CE8* .20

B28* .10 CE9* .30

B30* .08 D16* .04

B31* .10 E12* .06

B32* .12 E13* .06

B37* .25 E13* .04

B38* .10 E14* .06

B39* .04 E15* .06

B40* .05 E16* .06

B45* .05 ILN7* .10

B46* .10 ILN6* .06

C18* .04 Q17A* .10

C35* .06 Q18A* .15

C19* .15 Q19A* .15

C37* .10 Q20A* .05

C38* .10 Q48* .05

C39* .30 Q71A* .10

C52* .20 Q72A* .15

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It was first known as the Executive Mansion when it was erected from the design of James Hoban in 1792. George Washington selected the site, even where the White House stands today. It was intended as the residence of the Presidents of the U.S., and was first occupied by John Adams in 1800. Many additions were built thereto, until in 1814, when we were in our last argument with Johnny Bull and his "dommed redcoats" burned it to the ground.

Rebuilding a new and bigger and better WHITE HOUSE was begun almost at once—and in addition to living quarters, it soon included executive offices, reception rooms, including the East, Green, Red and Blue Rooms, and a state dining room paneled in oak and seating 100 guests or more.

The White House of today includes many rare gifts and ornaments from foreign rulers—and there are marble busts of the presidents and portraits of the presidents' wives, by famous artists. Mayhap the increasing weight of all these doo-dads and such, eventually caused the floors to sag badly and the stairs to creak with ghosts at night.

In any event, in 1949 Harry Truman moved across the street with his family, while the White House received an interior "uplift"—plus alterations—at a cost of \$5½ million, so that now the presidents will find a private little swimming pool in the personal suite—plus a dentist and chair in the basement, ever ready and willing to yank a wisdom tooth or such.

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A lot of his listeners wouldn't have known it if the announcer hadn't told them, but Parker Haydon's 800th consecutive broadcast of his "Old Stamps" program was tape recorded from his room in Herrick Hospital, Berkeley, Calif.

Hayden had gone there for a physical check-up on the advice of his doctor. Since the several days required overlapped his radio appearance schedule, A. E. Maffley, stamp collecting hospital head, invited station KRE engineers to tape the broadcast directly in the hospital room.

The idea for the stamp program originated with Haydon in 1937 to interest people in stamps. This

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Club Will See, Hear About George VI Issues

Bi-monthly meetings of the Columbus Philatelic Club will resume Friday, September 5. Featured speaker of the evening will be Waldo Stedman who will show his collection and discuss the stamps of King George VI.

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